

# BAKER KILLED BY CHLORAL HIS BROTHER INSISTS

Detectives Ready to Make Arrests, Await Chemist's Official Report.

## SEARCHING FOR WILL

Investigators From Massachusetts Are Here Looking Into Boston Man's Death.

Edward F. Baker, who has sent two lawyers and a physician here from Massachusetts to inquire into the death of his brother, Walter F. Baker, the Morton clubman, on Oct. 27, insists that chloral was employed to kill his brother by some one anxious to get possession of his estate worth a quarter of a million dollars. The chemist who was employed to determine what poison if any hastened Baker's end has not yet reported.

Mrs. George Young, to whom Baker was attentive, gave up her apartments at the Nottingham, No. 35 West Thirtieth street, last night. The hotel people said to-day that she told them she meant to go to the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurd, at Bogota, where Baker died after having been removed from a Broadway cafe, following his own assertion that he was poisoned. Over the telephone Mrs. Hurd said Mrs. Young was not with her.

## The Visiting Investigators.

Early this morning the physician and the two lawyers who have come here from Massachusetts to investigate minutely the circumstances of Walter Baker's death and to look for his will left the Murray Hill Hotel.

Members of Baker's family were particularly interested in reports that his body was embalmed within half an hour after death and that double the accustomed amount of formaldehyde was employed in the process.

Frank N. Nay and H. R. Morse, attorneys, and Dr. Sherwin Gibbons, all of Boston, the latter an executor of the estate of Baker's mother, are the Boston investigators. They questioned many persons who are supposed to know some of the details of Baker's last hours.

Their activity has been increased by the insistence of the brother that it was a murder. The fact that Baker's will has disappeared is regarded as mysterious. His mother left him half of her fortune, but he was to receive only the income during life, but had the right to leave it at his death to whom he chose.

## Stirred Up by Relatives, Lawyer Says

Malcolm A. Lawrence, the lawyer for the Hards and Mrs. Young, spent part of to-day at his offices in the Equitable Building in what he said was an important conference with a woman client. Later he saw an Evening World reporter.

"I think this whole thing is being stirred up by the Boston relatives of the late Mr. Baker," said Mr. Lawrence. "I believe they have hopes of fore-stalling a contest over any will that might have been left by Mr. Baker."

"Have you any reason to believe that Mr. Baker left a will of recent or comparatively recent date?" asked the reporter.

"No I know nothing about it," Mr. Lawrence made haste to reply. "I am simply telling you my impressions of the attitude of the Boston parties."

"Why did you tell Mr. and Mrs. Hurd all questions to you?"

"Because they had been bothered by Pinkertons and others. A week ago Pinkertons were at their home for several hours. The annoyance finally became such that I advised them to let me do all the talking for them."

## Time of the Embalming.

"Have you any expression to make on the report that the body of Mr. Baker was embalmed within half an hour after death?"

"The time was not half an hour," said the lawyer. "It was, I admit, a pretty short time, but that was the act of an undertaker. The Hards knew nothing about the local undertaker. He was called in by the physician who had been called when it was found that Mr. Baker was in a dangerous condition. I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Hurd knew nothing of the hurried embalming. True, it is not customary for an undertaker to embalm a body without special instructions and I am assuming that the physician gave him such an order. I am quite sure that no member of the household gave any such order."

"It is reported that two Boston lawyers and a Boston physician are at Bogota this afternoon to call on the Hards?" said the reporter.

"If they do call on the Hards I am sure they will have the front door closed in their faces," said Mr. Lawrence warmly. "These people have been bothered enough by outsiders already."

"Do you know that Mrs. Young has left her city apartments?" asked the reporter.

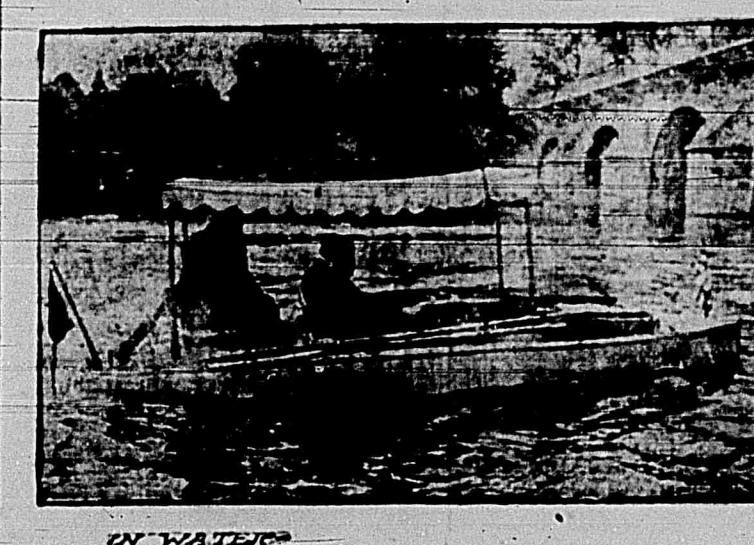
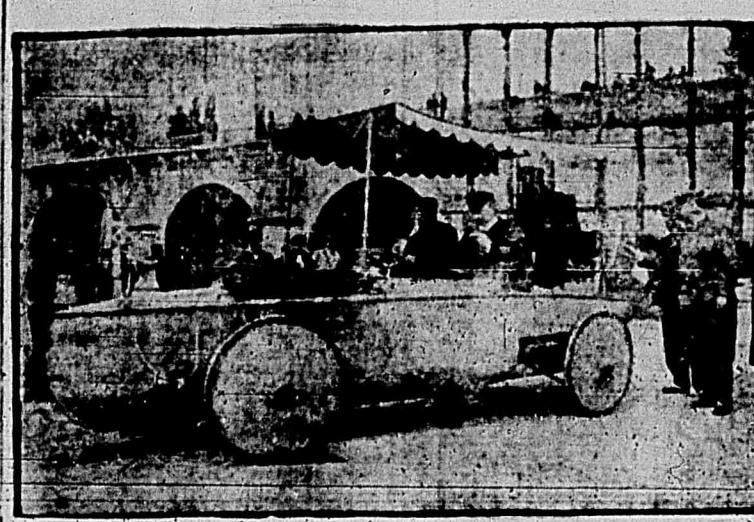
"Mrs. Young merely occupied rooms at the Nottingham temporarily," answered Mr. Lawrence, "and it was likely that she would be giving them up at any time. I presume that if she is not in the city she is with Mr. and Mrs. Hurd over in Jersey."

## Baker's Lawyer Is Reserved.

Victor W. Hungerford, of the firm of Simpson & Williams, at No. 65 Liberty street, was Walter Baker's lawyer, as well as his personal friend. To the reporter Mr. Hungerford said:

"I had known Mr. Baker for fifteen years and we were very intimate, but owing to my position I can have no comment of any sort to make on any of the stories that have started since

## New Water Wagon Speeding Ashore and Riding the Waves



## POLICE NET READY FOR ILLEGAL VOTERS

Special Arrangements Made with Magistrates to Catch Early Birds.

Commissioner Bingham, co-operating with the City Magistrates, has perfected arrangements for election day.

The Magistrates have agreed to sit for five hours to-morrow in the various station-houses before opening court at the usual hour. This is the assignment of the Magistrates from 7 to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Herman in Charles street, Steinert in Elbridge street, Moss in East Twenty-seventh street, Harris in East Sixty-seventh street, Kerchoch in West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Brein in the Morrisania police station.

There are said to be 2,500 warrants out for the arrest of alleged illegal voters,

and many will be served during the early polling hours. The Magistrates will dispose of these cases as soon as they are brought in.

Commissioner Bingham summoned the inspectors to-day and turned them over to Chief Cogright for final instructions.

A copy of the presentment of the October Grand Jury was read calling attention to the fact that election frauds are a menace to an honest electorate and demanding that every effort should be made by the authorities to detect and punish frauds.

A full reserve police force will be held at points of vantage during the day. Besides the arrangements Deputy Asst. Commissioner Gibbons has been assigned as follows: Tombs Corp. W. J. Caferty, Louis Fried, A. H. Sarason, Jefferson Market Court, J. McNeill, C. C. Curtis, Lorenzo D. McEaskey, Market Square, John L. Silverstein, Charles Eno, Jacob Bloch, Yorkville Court, A. R. Thompson, Joseph D. McClelland, Samuel H. Golding, Harrison Street, Edward P. Phillips, Charles Eno, Abraham Bernstein, Joseph H. Goggin, West Side Court, Henry W. Herbert, Max Bendit, Martin Doith.

Four or five extra deputies will be held in reserve at Mr. Donnelly's office in case they are needed.

his death until I have seen Mr. Nay, the Boston lawyer who is here representing the family."

Mr. Hungerford refused either to deny or to affirm the story that Baker wrote a will, leaving much of his estate to others, members of his own family. "If Mr. Baker made a will shortly before his death it would be natural to assume that he would consult me in regard to it," it was all Mr. Hungerford would say.

**Hunt for Will To-Day.**

Mr. Nay, who with Mr. Morse and Dr. Gibbons is staying at the Murray Hill Hotel, said that Baker died suddenly.

"We now know that Baker died suddenly, but no physician attended him, and there are reports that he was poisoned. We have heard so that he conveyed a large sum of his fortune to a man whose names we are not in position to name. It is probable the will is now in a safe deposit vault. If it was not with him, we shall learn its intentions soon."

In tracing Baker's movements on the night of his death, Oct. 26, the detective learned that he had been on Broadway with friends and acquaintances, but it had been impossible, however, to find out who were his companions during the night. Inquiring into his appearance at Brown's chop house, right where he was taken in a state of complete collapse to the Hurd home.

**Chloral, He Says.**

Medical Examiner McGrath of Boston has declared from the results of an autopsy that Baker died from chloral poisoning.

The now-teen young Baker drank the mixture which is supposed to have caused his death is most important.

**Two Persons Killed and Six Hurt at Birmingham, Ala.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 1.—A fast train on the Queen and Crescent road was wrecked yesterday at Morganville, Tenn. Two men were killed six injured. Four coaches, a small car and an express car were destroyed by fire.

## HERE'S THE REAL WATER WAGON, IT RIDES SEAS, TOO

French Inventor Arrives to Tell of His Amphibious Auto Cart.

## BOAT AND CARRIAGE.

Forty-Mile Sped on Land and Eighteen Knots an Hour When Afloat.

G. Ravallier, a French inventor, who has completed a remarkable contrivance in the shape of an automobile which, he claims, will travel with equal facility on land or water, was a passenger on the French line steamer La Gascogne, which arrived from Havre this morning.

The machine, which the inventor has given the French name of "Canot Volante," has the appearance of a life-boat on wheels and can go at a speed of forty miles an hour on land and nineteen knots on water.

M. Ravallier succeeded a short time since in bringing his invention before the attention of the French military and naval authorities with the result that the French Government has placed an order for sixty of the new machines. Some of the number will also be installed in the life-saving stations along the coast of France. One of the machines is in the city, having preceded the inventor on a freight ship, arriving about a week ago.

In appearance the new automobile is very similar to a large lifeboat set on axles, with rubber-tired wheel attached. It is covered like a canoe, however, with an opening in the center to contain the operators.

The machine can be speeded on land, the inventor states, at a high rate, and when the man is approached from a long beach, will take the water like a duck, without any preliminaries. "And you cannot capsize it," exclaimed M. Ravallier. "It will ride the heaviest seas and be kept from turning over by the big rubber wheels which set out on either side of the boat-like body. It can also be launched from the deck of a warship with comparative ease."

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